



## Data Declaration

### Table 28

#### **Number of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, Percent of Clearances Involving Persons Under 18 Years of Age, by Population Group, 2006**

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

#### **General comments**

- This table provides the number of clearances for the offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson, as well as the percentage of those clearances that involved only juveniles.
- The data in this table are listed by six city population groups, two county population groups, and suburban areas.
- This table lists the number of contributing agencies included and the 2006 estimated population for all agencies as well as each city population group, county population group, and suburban area.
- Suburban area includes law enforcement agencies in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and county law enforcement agencies that are within a Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Suburban area excludes all metropolitan agencies associated with a principal city. The agencies associated with suburban areas also appear in other groups within this table.

- When an offender under the age of 18 is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, the UCR Program considers the incident to be cleared by arrest, even though a physical arrest may not have occurred.
- Clearances for offenses that include both adult and juvenile offenders are classified as clearances for crimes committed by adults and are therefore not included in this table.
- Because the clearance percentages for crimes committed by juveniles include only those clearances in which no adults were involved, the figures in this table should not be used to present a definitive picture of juvenile involvement in crime.

### **Methodology**

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting at least 6 months of complete offense reports for 2006.
- The FBI computes clearance percentages using aggregated offense and clearance totals. It should be noted that some clearances an agency records during the calendar year may pertain to offenses that occurred in previous years.

### **Population estimation**

The FBI calculated 2006 state growth rates using revised 2005 state/national population estimates and 2006 provisional state/national population estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the 2006 state growth rate to the updated 2005 U.S. Census Bureau data.

### **If you have questions about this table**

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